

of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts; and Thomas Perretta, Stamford, Connecticut.

LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term budget outlook, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

COMPETITION IN THE HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine competition in the health care marketplace, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Len M. Nichols, New America Foundation, and David Balto, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark Riley, Arkansas Pharmacists Association, Little Rock, on behalf of the National Community Pharmacists Association; and Grace-Marie Turner, Galen Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS IN A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States competitiveness while moving toward a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from John Doerr, Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, Menlo Park, California; John Krenicki, GE Energy Infrastructure, and Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; and Julian L. Wong, Center For American Progress Action Fund, Atlanta, Georgia.

INSTABILITY, TERRORISM AND ECONOMIC DISRUPTION IN RELATION TO OIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine instability, terrorism, and economic disruption in relation to oil, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, William Hudson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Richard J. Schmierer, Ambassador to Oman, and Phillip Carter III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the

Republic of San Marino, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, Donald S. Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Anne E. Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Howard Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, and Stuart G. Nash, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS CONTRACTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contracting for Alaska native corporations, after receiving testimony from Debra S. Ritt, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, and Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, both of the United States Small Business Administration; Shay D. Assad, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Sarah Lukin, Native American Contractors Association, and Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, National Congress of American Indians, both of Washington, D.C.; Julie E. Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska; Mark J. Lumer, Cirrus Technology Inc., Huntsville, Alabama; and Christina J. Schneider, Purcell Construction Corp., Watertown, New York.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment and Training Administration; Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education; Michael L. Thurmond, Georgia Department of Labor Commissioner, Atlanta; Clyde McQueen, Full Employment Council, Kansas City, Missouri; Rick S. Bender, Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, Seattle;